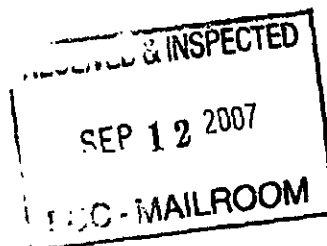


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September 4, 2007

Mr. Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554



Dear Chairman Martin,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger between XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.

In my practice, I work with many county economic development organizations. Through my work with them and my many travels across North Carolina, I have come to know the important role XM and Sirius satellite play in the lives of many of our citizens. It is very difficult for many of them to get good reception of our AM and FM radio stations. XM and Sirius offer these people access to many new sources of news, sports, talk and music channels.

I am afraid that a merger of these two companies may limit their choices once again. It is my understanding that if the two companies merge they may not be able to carry all of the channels they now carry. This would be due to the limited bandwidth each company has at the current time. I am also afraid the quality of the signal would be degraded.

It also appears to me that should these two companies merge we might have a monopoly. Should that happen, I feel that it would be very likely that subscribers may have to pay higher subscriber rates.

Please join me in opposing this merger and encourage your fellow Commissioners to do so as well.

Sincerely,

**THE SANFORD HOLSHOUSER BUSINESS  
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